

Fairy Lake Travel Planning Area

A. Alternative Travel Area Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines

Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternative 1

Alternative 1 is the “no action” alternative. There would be no changes to current management direction applicable to travel management.

Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternatives 2 through 7-M

GOAL 1: Summer Recreation Use. Provide recreation opportunities on the road and trail system with an emphasis on motorcycle, ATV, and mountain bike use. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 1-1a: Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of summer recreation use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies as shown in the table below. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 56 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Pleasure Driving							
Miles of Road	13	13	14	14	14	14	13
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	3	3	2	2	2	2	4
ATV							
Miles of Road	5	5	14	14	14	14	17
Miles of Trail	4	3	5	5	0	0	5
Total Miles	9	8	19	19	14	14	22
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	0	2	2	0	0	2
Miles of Trail	0	1	6	3	7	0	3
Total Miles	0	1	8	5	7	0	5
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	31	31	26	26	26	26	28
Miles of Trail	13	13	12	12	12	12	14
Total Miles	44	44	38	38	38	38	42
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	3	3	4	4	4	4	2
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	16	10	0	0	16	16	3
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	6	15	15	0*	0*	14
Hiking (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	16	16	11	11	11	17	11

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Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Hiking (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	5	5	5	0*	5
* Use for this activity is not prohibited on any trails; use is either emphasized or allowed.							
** Use for this activity is prohibited on some trails.							

OBJ. 1-1b: Achieve the summer recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 1 through the route-by-route management decisions made through this Travel Plan. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for summer uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

OBJ. 1-2: Provide a system of 1 to 3 designated ATV and/or motorcycle routes. *This objective applies to Alternatives 3 through 7-M. Alternative 2 is designed to be similar to current conditions so new routes are generally not included.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide winter recreation opportunities that emphasize snowmobile use. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 2-1a: Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of winter recreation use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies as shown in the table below. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 57 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Pleasure Driving (Plowed Road)							
Miles of Plowed Road	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	13	26	30	30	30	19	30
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	13	26	30	30	30	19	30
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	8	8	11	11	8	11	8
Total Miles	8	8	11	11	8	11	8

Table II - 58 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Snowmobiling							
Yearlong Closure							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	0	2	2,060	2,060	8,743	2,060	8,130
Seasonal Closure 2/							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table II - 58 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Non-Wilderness	4,048	4,048	4,048	4,048	6,068	4,048	6,803
No Restrictions							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	10,928	10,926	8,868	8,868	165	8,868	43
Net	14,976	14,976	14,976	14,976	14,976	14,976	14,976
2/ Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section.							

OBJ. 2-1b: Achieve the winter recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 2 through the marked and groomed route management decisions made through this Travel Plan along with decisions made on the area available to snowmobiles. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for winter uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. ***This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.***

OBJ 2-2: Provide a system of 2 to 4 snowmobile loop trails and a connector route to the Flathead Pass area. ***This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.***

GOAL 3: Fisheries. Provide habitat for westslope cutthroat trout in all streams but Frazier Creek. ***This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.***

In this Travel Planning Area, this goal is pursued through application of Forest-wide standards.

GOAL 4: Other Resource Protection. Provide a road and trail system that accommodates traffic consistent with protecting soil and watershed condition. ***This goal applies to Alternative 7-M only.***

OBJ. 4-1: Repair damage to road and trail system and schedule maintenance to attain conditions that are non-erosive. ***This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.***

OBJ. 4-2: Provide interpretive/educational signing along motorized routes and in affected areas, asking motorized users seeking camp spots to stay out of wet, muddy and shrubby areas, and to keep vehicles (and campsites) a minimum distance (e.g. 50 feet) from lakes, ponds, rivers and streams. ***This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.***

B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

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